

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 75-97, claims 1-63 having been previously canceled, as follows:

Claims 1-63 (Canceled).

64. (Previously Presented) A method of forming a wound dressing, which method comprises forming a protein polymer by reacting a protein with an alkylene dicarboxylic acid spacer of the formula



in which n is from 3 to 8, or an activated derivative thereof.

65. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in Claim 64, wherein the protein polymer is formed *in situ*.
66. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in Claim 64, wherein the protein polymer is formed prior to application.
67. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in Claim 66, wherein a supporting substrate is incorporated into the dressing.
68. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in Claim 64, further comprising the application to the wound dressing of a vapour-permeable membrane.
69. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in Claim 64, wherein the protein is albumin.
70. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in Claim 69, wherein the albumin is human serum albumin.
71. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in Claim 64, wherein the protein is a recombinant product.

72. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in Claim 64, wherein the spacer is activated to facilitate reaction with the protein molecules.
73. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in Claim 72, wherein the spacer is activated with a carbodiimide compound.
74. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in Claim 72, wherein the spacer is activated with ethyl[dimethylaminopropyl]-carbodiimide.

Claims 75-97 (Canceled).